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SUMMARY: THE NEW YORK TIMES, FEBRUARY 17, AND THE WASHINGTON POST, FEBRUARY 17 BOTH HAVE PAGE ONE STORIES ON THE KISSINGER-GROMYKO TALKS IN GENEVA. TIMES SUB-HEAD, "SOME ANGER IS HINTED"; POST HEADLINE, "STRAIN EVIDENT AS KISSINGER, GROMYKO MEET ON DETENTE." BALTIMORE SUN, FEB. 17, PAGE ONE ARTICLE DATELINED, BONN, BY GENE OISHI, HAS HEADLINE, "GERMANS MAY ARM TURKEY, BONN INFORMS KISSINGER ON WAY TO GENEVA." (SUN PRINTED ALONGSIDE ARTICLE, ABOVE FOLD, TWO COLUMN AP PHOTO OF SECRETARY KISSINGER MEETING GROMYKO AT SOVIET MISSION IN GENEVA.) UPI'S WILLIAM LANDRY REPORTED FROM GENEVA, FEB. 17, THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER AND FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO HAD SOME SHARP EXCHANGES AT THEIR FIRST MEETING AND EXPECTED A DIFFICULT SESSION AT THEIR SECOND MEETING, UNCLASSIFIED

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FEBRUARY 17.

1. THE NEW YORK TIMES

(A) "KISSINGER MEETS GROMYKO TO TALK ABOUT RELATIONS."

IN AN UNSIGNED ARTICLE, DATELINED GENEVA, FEB. 16, THE TIMES REPORTED THAT "SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AND FM ANDREI A. GROMYKO OF THE SOVIET UNION BEGAN TALKS TONIGHT, WITH THE STRESS ON SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, INCLUDING NEW PROPOSALS MADE BY THE TWO SIDES ON ARMS CONTROL ISSUES.

"THE THREE AND A HALF HOUR SESSION WAS DESCRIBED LATER BY MR. KISSINGER AS 'CONSTRUCTIVE WITH CANDID INTERLUDES.' THIS WAS INTERPRETED BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS AS MEANING THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN MARKED BY OCCASIONAL SHARP DIFFERENCES.

"THE TWO MEN DISCUSSED WORLD ISSUES SUCH AS CYPRUS AND THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE AS WELL AS SOVIET-AMERICAN PROBLEMS TONIGHT AND AGREED TO PUT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW THEIR PLANNED, DETAILED REVIEW OF THE ME, THE MAIN CONTENTIOUS ISSUE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AT THIS MOMENT.

".....NEWSMEN ABORAD MR. KISSINGER'S AIR FORCE 707 WERE GIVEN A RUNDOWN ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF CURRENT SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS THAT THE TWO MEN WERE DUE TO DISCUSS:

"AT THE GENEVA MEETINGS ON STRATEGIC-ARMS LIMITATION, THE RUSSIANS, IN THE PAST MONTH HAVE SUBMITTED A DRAFT DOCUMENT TO WRAP UP THE DETAILS OF THE VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT THAT CALLED ON EACH SIDE TO LIMIT ITS TOTAL OF OFFENSIVE MISSILES AND BOMBERS TO 2,400 OF WHICH 1,320 MISSILES COULD HAVE MULTIPLE WARHEADS. THE DOCUMENT WAS SAID TO CONTAIN SOME OF MOWCOW'S 'PET IDEAS,' TROUBLESOME FOR THE U.S. TO ACCEPT, AND TO BE DEFICIENT IN INSPECTION PROCEDURES.

"THE U.S. PLANS TO SUBMIT ITS OWN PROPOSALS ON VERIFICATION OF THE OFFENSIVE ARMS ACCORD, BUT THERE WILL PROBABLY BE FOUR TO SIX MORE WEEKS OF SPARRING AT GENEVA BEFORE THE TWO SIDES GET DOWN TO SERIOUS DISCUSSION.

"THE PACE OF THE STRATEGIC ARMS TALKS WILL DECIDE THE EXACT TIME OF A VISIT BY MR. BREZHNEV TO THE U.S., LATER IN THE YEAR. UP TO NOW, THE TWO SIDES HAVE TENTATIVELY PLANNED ON LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY, BUT NEWSMEN WERE TOLD THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THE DATE COULD BE SEPTEMBER. UNCLASSIFIED

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"THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE IS MAKING PROGRESS UNDER SOVIET INSISTENCE THAT A 35-NATION SUMMIT MEETING BE HELD AS THE FINALE. THAT MEETING WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE EITHER IN LATE JUNE, EARLY JULY OR SEPTEMBER.

"NEGOTIATIONS HAVE RESUMED IN MOSCOW ON PUTTING INTO EFFECT THE PEACEFUL EXPLOSIONS ASPECT OF THE TREATY BANNING UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS ABOVE THE FORCE OF 150 KILOTONS--OR THE FORCE OF 150,000 TONS OF TNT--EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN PEACEFUL EXPLOSIONS THAT HAVE TO BE AGREED UPON.

THE U.S. IS SUBMITTING NEW PROPOSALS TO THE RUSSIANS ON MAKING SURE THAT THESE EXPLOSIONS ARE NOT IN FACT

MILITARY TESTS; ONE METHOD WOULD BE TO SET OFF A SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS OF NUCLEAR DEVICES WHOSE TOTAL WOULD BE ABOVE 150 KILOTONS, RATHER THAN JUST ONE LARGE DEVICE.

"THERE IS NO INCLINATION ON THE PART OF THE FORD ADMINISTRATION NOW TO NEGOTIATE A NEW TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE RUSSIANS. THE ADMINISTRATION WANTS FIRST TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT CONGRESS WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THAT ACCORD AND TO DETERMINE WHAT CAN BE WORKED OUT. MR. KISSINGER PLANNED, HOWEVER, TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT AS A WHOLE, INCLUDING, PRESUMABLY THE EMIGRATION QUESTION."

"...BECAUSE OF THE SHARP DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON HOW TO PROCEED TOWARD A SETTLEMENT, MR. KISSINGER DID NOT LOOK FORWARD TO THE MEETING WITH MR. GROMYKO.

"A SPEECH BY MR. BREZHNEV ON FRIDAY THAT QUESTIONED THE VALUE OF MR. KISSINGER'S STEP BY STEP APPROACH LED MR. KISSINGER TO BELIEVE THAT MR. GROMYKO WILL PRESS TOMORROW FOR AN AMERICAN AGREEMENT TO RECONVENE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

"THE AMERICANS, WHO ARE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE WITH THE RUSSIANS, HAVE NOT FLATLY OPPOSED SUCH A RECONVENING, BUT THEY HAVE STRESSED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE SESSION FOLLOW UP A SUCCESSFUL EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI ACCORD IN SINAI AND THAT IT NOT BE THE RESULT OF A STALEMATE.

"MR. KISSINGER ALSO BELIEVES THAT THE RUSSIANS, AT A LATER STAGE, WILL HAVE TO PLAY A MORE SIGNIFICANT ROLE THAN THEY HAVE UP TO NOW IN PEACE-MAKING EFFORTS."

THE DISPATCH ALSO INCLUDED A SUMMARY OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERVIEW, FEB. 16, ON GERMAN TELEVISION, CHANNEL 2.

(B) "REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK: KISSINGER SEEMS OPTIMISTIC, BUT PROGRESS IS NOT CLEAR." -- BERNARD GWERTZMAN, IN A PAGE ONE ARTICLE, DATED, GENEVA, FEB. 16, REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

"AS HIS AIR JET WAS TAXIING FOR TAKE-OFF AT AQABA YESTERDAY MORNING, SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER STROLLED TO THE REAR OF THE PLANE WHERE THE NEWSMEN WERE SITTING AND EXCLAIMED: 'WHEN I LEAVE THIS JOB, I CAN BECOME DIRECTOR OF AN INSANE ASYLUM. I'VE BEEN WELL TRAINED FOR IT.'....

"IF HIS PUBLIC COMMENTS HAVE BEEN HOPEFUL, HE HAS HEDGED HIS BETS PRIVATELY. NEWSMEN WHO PRESSED FOR A PREDICTION WERE REWARDED ONLY WITH A CAUTIOUS OBSERVATION THAT MR. KISSINGER WOULD NOT BE RETURNING TO THE AREA IF HE THOUGHT THE SITUATION WAS HOPELESS; THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE ODDS WERE 50-50 AT BEST FOR AN ACCORD, GIVEN THE EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI POSITION.

--, WAS MR. KISSINGER CAUTIOUS IN PRIVATE BECAUSE THAT IS HIS NATURE, OR BECAUSE, WHEN THE TALKS FAIL, HE WANTS TO BE ABLE TO SAY 'I TOLD YOU SO'?

"IF A POLL WERE TAKEN OF THE 16 NEWSMEN WHO HAVE ACCOMPANIED MR. KISSINGER ON THIS TRIP, A MAJORITY WOULD PROBABLY VOTE THAT THEY THOUGHT THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE TALKS SUCCEEDING NEXT MONTH WAS STRONGER THAN THEIR FAILING. IS THIS BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY MR. KISSINGER'S DESIRE TO KEEP NEGOTIATING HOPES ALIVE OR BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT THEIR EXPERIENCE TELLS THEM IS THE LOGICAL OUTCOME? THEY PROBABLY COULDN'T BE 100 PERCENT SURE THEMSELVES.

"BECAUSE OF MR. KISSINGER'S ROLE AS A MEDIATOR IN THE ME, THOSE ACCOMPANYING HIM ARE THRUST INTO THE POSITION OF BEING NEUTRAL OBSERVERS AS WELL. IT HAS BEEN A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE FOR THE NEWSMEN ABOARD, BECAUSE MR. KISSINGER'S BLUE, WHITE AND SILVER AF 707 IS THE ONLY AIRLINER ALLOWED TO FLY DIRECTLY BETWEEN TEL AVIV AND CAIRO AND BETWEEN TEL AVIV AND DAMASCUS. IN ONE DAY, THEY GET THE ISRAELI LINE FROM OFFICIALS AND JOURNALISTS AND WITHIN HOURS THEY HEAR THE EGYPTIAN--OR SYRIAN-- VIEW FROM THE OPINION MOLDERS IN THE ARAB STATE....

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"ON THIS TRIP, FOR INSTANCE, MANY ISRAELIS SEEMED MORE UNENTHUSIASTIC THAN EVER ABOUT MR. KISSINGER'S EFFORTS. THEY WERE EXTREMELY WARY OF MAKING ANY CONCESSION ON SINAI TO THE EGYPTIANS, EXCEPT IN EXCHANGE FOR WRITTEN DECLARATIONS OF NON-BELLIGERENCY THAT THEY ADMITTED THEY WERE HARDLY LIKELY TO RECEIVE. SOME ISRAELIS ALREADY SEEM TO BELIEVE THAT ANOTHER WAR IS INEVITABLE AND THAT THE NEXT TIME AROUND THEY WILL DELIVER A CRIPPLING BLOW TO THE ARABS...

"THE ISRAELIS SEEMED MORE CONFIDENT OF THEIR NEGOTIATING POSITION THAN THEY DID ON MR. KISSINGER'S LAST TRIP, IN EARLY NOVEMBER, JUST AFTER THE ARABS' SUMMIT CONFERENCE AT RABAT HAD GIVEN PROMINENCE TO THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. BUT THE ISRAELIS' ATTITUDE ALSO MADE THEM APPEAR RELATIVELY INFLEXIBLE AT A TIME WHEN MANY FOREIGNERS WOULD LIKE THE ISRAELIS TO MAKE CONCESSIONS AND HELP THEM AVOID ANOTHER OIL EMBARGO.

"THE EGYPTIANS, ON THE OTHER HAND, APPEARED MORE RELAXED ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS THAN THE ISRAELIS AND SEEMED MYSIFIED WHEN A NEWSMAN TOLD THEM THAT ISRAELIS DON'T TRUST THEIR INTENTIONS....

"VIRTUALLY EVERY KISSINGER TRIP HAS HAD AT LEAST ONE 'FLAP' BETWEEN MR. KISSINGER AND THE PRESS. THIS TIME IT OCCURRED YESTERDAY ON THE FLIGHT FROM AQABA TO RIYADH.

"DURING A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION ABOUT OIL POLICY, SOME NEWSMEN GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT MR. KISSINGER WAS GOING TO RIYADH TO PERSUADE KING FAISAL TO MAKE A DEAL WITH THE U.S. ON LONG-TERM OIL PURCHASES.

"THIS WAS NOT MR. KISSINGER'S STATED INTENTION. RATHER HE PLANNED ONLY TO DISCUSS HIS RECENT OIL POLICY SPEECH WITH

THE KING AND TO TALK ABOUT OVER-ALL CONSUMER-PRODUCER COOPERATION OVER THE LONG PERIOD,NOT JUST SA;DI-AMERICAN DEALS.

"BECAUSE OF THIS MISUNDERSTANDING, SOME DISPATCHES WERE FILED THAT SUGGESTED THAT MR. KISSINGER WAS ON A CARTEL-BREAKING MISSION, WHEN, IN FACT, HIS 90 MINUTES WITH THE KING WERE APPARENTLY MUCH TAMER.

"THIS PROMPTED MR. KISSINGER TO ISSUE A PERSONAL STATEMENT UPON ARRIVAL IN BONN, SAYING HIS OIL POLICY WAS ONLY WHAT HE HAD SAID IT WAS IN HIS SPEECH ON FEB. 3 IN UNCLASSIFIED

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WASHINGTON. SOME NEWSMEN WHO HAD FILED THE MORE DRAMATIC DISPATCHES GRUMBLED LATER ABOUT BEING 'MISLED' BY MR. KISSINGER, BUT IN THIS CASE, WHILE PERHAPS BEING GUILTY OF A POOR BRIEFING, MR. KISSINGER WAS PROBABLY INNOCENT OF DELIBERATE DECEPTION.

"MR. KISSINGER SEEMED TO RECOGNIZE HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MISUNDERSTANDING. ON HIS PLANE, TRAVELING FROM BONN TO GENEVA THIS AFTERNOON, NEWSMEN WERE TOLD THAT HE COULD UNDERSTAND, AFTER READING HIS AIDES' NOTES, HOW SOME NEWSMEN MIGHT HAVE GONE ASTRAY.

"THERE ARE OFTEN SOME ABSURD MOMENTS IN THESE MISSIONS.

"THE OTHER DAY, WHILE MR. KISSINGER WAS MEETING WITH NEWSMEN IN HIS AIRBORNE OFFICE IN THE FRONT OF THE PLANE, HIS RADIO TELEPHONE BEGAN RINGING IN THE BACK OF THE COMPARTMENT. THIS IS A PHONE THAT CAN CONNECT HIM WITH ANY PART OF THE WORLD, NO ONE DARED TO PICK IT UP.

"FINALLY, IN EXASPERATION, MR. KISSINGER SHOUTED, 'CAN'T ANYONE ANSWER IT? I KNOW YOU CAN'T GET ON THE PLANE IF YOUR I.Q. IS MORE THAN 50.'

"MR. KISSINGER'S VISITS TO ISRAEL HAVE USUALLY INCLUDED, ANTI-KISSINGER DEMONSTRATIONS. MR. KISSINGER TOOK NOTE OF THE STRONG VIEWS AGAINST HIM WHEN HE SAID, IN A TOAST AT A DINNER GIVEN FOR HIM BY FOREIGN MINISTER YIGAL ALLON OF ISRAEL, THAT HE KNEW THAT THE OPPOSITION PARTY WAS AT THE DINNER 'TO STUDY THE DEPTHS HUMAN DEPRAVITY CAN REACH.' EVERY ONE LAUGHED."

2. WASHINGTON POST--IN AN ARTICLE DATED GENEVA, FEB. 16, MARILYN BERGER REPORTED THAT "SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AND SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO DETENTE FOLLOWING A SERIES OF CHILL WINDS THAT HAVE TENDED TO COOL THE RELATIONSHIP.

"GROMYKO WAS HOST AT A DINNER FOR KISSINGER, WHO INDICATED THAT HE WAS EXPECTING HIS ENCOUNTER WITH HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART TO BE ALMOST AS COLD AS THE SUBFREEZING WEATHER HERE....

"REPORTERS TRAVELING WITH KISSINGER WERE TOLD THE INFORMAL AGENDA INCLUDED:

"THE MIDDLE EAST. MOSCOW KEEPS CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE

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RETURN TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. KISSINGER WANTS FIRST TO NEGOTIATE A SECOND INTERIM AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL TO IMPROVE THE CLIMATE FOR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE BY STRENGTHENING THE POSITION OF THE MODERATE ARABS....

"SALT. THE SOVIET UNION HAS PUT FORWARD A PROPOSAL THAT ESSENTIALLY FOLLOWS THE LINES OF THE VLADIVOSTOK ACCORD AS WELL AS SOME 'PET' IDEAS THAT COULD CAUSE DIFFICULTY, THE REPORTERS WERE TOLD.

"THE U.S. CONSIDERS THE SOVIET PROPOSAL 'DEFICIENT' ON INSPECTION PROVISIONS, WHICH THE AMERICAN DELEGATION WILL PROPOSE. THE CONTENTION ABOARD THE KISSINGER PLANE IS THAT WHILE THERE ARE NO INSUPERABLE PROBLEMS, THERE WILL BE FOUR TO SIX WEEKS MORE OF 'SPARRING' BEFORE A DETERMINATION TO MOVE FORWARD IS MADE IN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON.

"ON PROGRESS IN SALT WILL DEPEND THE TIMING OF THE SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT, WHICH THE TRAVELING PRESS WAS TOLD WOULD PROBABLY COME IN LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY, ALTHOUGH IT COULD SLIP BACK TO SEPTEMBER....

"THRESHOLD TEST BAN. REPORTERS WERE TOLD THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN RESUMED ON THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS SET UP AT THE LAST MOSCOW SUMMIT. THE U.S. IS PRESENTING NEW PROPOSALS CALLING FOR CLEARER CRITERIA FOR UNDERGROUND EXPLOSIONS FOR 'PEACEFUL PURPOSES'....

"TRADE. AFTER THE SOVIET REPUDIATION OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT, U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS SUFFERED A HEAVY BLOW. REPORTERS WERE TOLD THAT KISSINGER WOULD NOT DISCUSS A NEW AGREEMENT IN ANY CONCRETE MANNER UNTIL HE GOT A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HE COULD GET FROM CONGRESS....

"EMIGRATION. MOSCOW TURNED DOWN THE TRADE AGREEMENT WHEN CONGRESS CLAMPED TARIFF AND CREDITS RESTRICTIONS ON THE SOVIET UNION LESS IT LIBERALIZED ITS EMIGRATION POLICIES. IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY, A HIGH AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID, EMIGRATION FROM THE SOVIET UNION DROPPED TO 1,100 THE LOWEST IN FOUR YEARS, COMPARED TO 3,000 AT THE HIGHEST THAT THE DROP WAS ENTIRELY ACCIDENTAL.

"CYPRUS. THE SOVIET UNION IS EXPECTED TO CALL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS. KISSINGER CONSIDERS THIS A PRESCRIPTION FOR STALEMATE, JUST LIKE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST....

"EARLIER IN THE DAY, KISSINGER MET WITH WEST GERMAN
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CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER. THERE WAS A 'COMPLETE UNANIMITY OF VIEWS,' KISSINGER SAID. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE NEVER BEEN SO GOOD, HE SAID.

"KISSINGER AGREED TO VISIT BERLIN IN APRIL, AT THE

LATEST, A MOVE TO LIFT THE MOOD OF THE BERLINERS, AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID. WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN KLAUS BOELLING SAID THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THE LEADERS DID NOT DISCUSS A PLAN FOR GERMANY TO SEND ARMS TO TURKEY TO MAKE UP FOR THOSE THE U.S. IS NOW BANNED FROM SUPPLYING. THAT PROBLEM IS BEING STUDIED IN BONN. NOR DID THEY DISCUSS THE USE OF GERMAN AIR BASES IN THE EVENT OF ANOTHER MIDDLE EAST WAR, BOELLING SAID."

3. BALTIMORE SUN, FROM BONN, SUN CORRESPONDENT OISHI REPORTED THAT "IN VIEW OF THE CONGRESSIONAL EMBARGO ON U.S. WEAPONS DELIVERIES TO TURKEY, WEST GERMANY IS CONSIDERING A RESUMPTION OF ARMS SALES TO THE ANKARA GOVERNMENT.

"HAK WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH WEST GERMAN LEADERS DURING HIS BRIEF STOPOVER HERE. A BONN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, HOWEVER, SAID NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE.

"LATER THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE ARRIVED IN GENEVA FOR MEETINGS WITH THE SOVIET FM, ANDREI A. GROMYKO, THAT COULD HELP SET THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS ON NUCLEAR ARMS LIMITATION AND THE ME. THE TWO TALKED FOR 3-1/2 HOURS LAST NIGHT....

"DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER THE TALK WITH HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER, THE WEST GERMAN FM, MR. KISSINGER SAID THAT THE QUESTION OF GERMAN ARMS TO TURKEY WAS 'A MATTER FOR THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO DECIDE', THEN ADDED, 'WE DISCUSSED THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.'

"MR. KISSINGER REPEATEDLY HAS OPPOSED THE ARMS CUT-OFF TO TURKEY, WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT FEB. 5, SAYING IT UNDERMINED U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS AS WELL AS THE NATO'S DEFENSE POSTURE IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

"A WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED LATER THAN BONN WAS CONSIDERING RESUMING ARMS SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY AND GREECE IN VIEW OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THESE TWO COUNTRIES TO NATO'S SOUTHEASTERN FLANK. -BUT HE ADDED THAT WEST GERMANY COULD NOT FILL THE WEAPONS GAP LEFT BY THE U.S. ARMS CUT-OFF 'IN QUANTITY OR QUALITY.'...

"IN VIEW OF THE RESTORATION OF A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN ATHENS, THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD IT DECIDE TO RESUME ARMS SHIPMENTS, WOULD DELIVER TO BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID....

"THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ALSO REPORTED THAT MR. KISSINGER, IN HIS TALKS WITH MR. GENSCHER AND WITH CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT, MADE A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON HIS ME PEACE EFFORTS.

"BEFORE GOING TO GENEVA TO MEET WITH MR. GROMYKO, MR.

KISSINGER TOLD A WESTGERMAN TELEVISION CORRESPONDENT THAT A SOLUTION TO THE MIDEAST CONFLICT WAS 'NOT ATTAINABLE WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION, AND POSSIBLY GUARANTEES, BY THE SOVIET UNION.'"

4. UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL, LANDRY REPORTED FROM GENEVA THAT "AFTER SOMETIMES SHARP EXCHANGES ON OTHER SUBJECTS, SECSTATE HAK AND SOVET FM AAG MET FOR A SECOND TIME TODAY IN WHAT AMERICAN SOURCES SAID COULD BE A DIFFICULT SESSION ON THEIR ME DIFFERENCES.

"THE QUESTION WAS WHETHER RUSSIA WOULD TRY TO OBSTRUCT KISSINGER'S NEXT STEP TOWARD A ME PEACE AGREEMENT OR HELP HIM. A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID THAT SO FAR THE RUSSIANS HAD BEEN NEITHER VERY HELPFUL NOR NOTABLY CONSTRUCTIVE. SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY GENSEC LEONID BREZHNEV ATTACKED KISSINGER'S MISSION LAST WEEK IN VEILED TERMS.

"KISSINGER'S FIRST MEETING WITH GROMYKO SUNDAY NIGHT WAS DESCRIBED BY INFORMED SOURCES AS BUSINESSLIKE PUNCTUATED BY SOME SHARP EXCHANGES....

"BEFORE MEETING GROMYKO KISSINGER CONFERRED FOR 20 MINUTES WITH ROGER GALLOPIN, PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS.

"GALLOPIN ASSURED KISSINGER THE RED CROSS WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO GET SOME NEWS OF THE 2,300 AMERICAN STILL MISSING OR UNACCOUNTED FOR IN INDOCHINA....

"AMERICAN SOURCES DID NOT IDENTIFY THE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES DISCUSSED SUNDAY BY GROMYKO AND KISSINGER, BUT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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TWO MEN TALKED ABOUT THE WIDE RANGE OF BILATERAL ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES....

"RETURNING TO HIS HOTEL AFTER THE MEETING, KISSINGER TOLD REPORTERS THAT IT WAS 'GENERALLY CONSTRUCTIVE WITH CANDID INTERLUDES.'

"KISSINGER AND GROMYKO WERE LUNCHING TOGETHER IN KISSINGER'S SUITE AND THEIR TALKS WERE EXPECTED TO LAST UNTIL ABOUT 3 P.M. (10 A.M., EST). THREE HOURS LATER HAK WAS TAKING OFF FOR LONDON WHERE PM WILSON WILL BE VISIT TO MOSCOW AND TALKS WITH BREZHNEV."

"BOTH GROMYKO AND KISSINGER HAVE JUST COMPLETED TOURS OF THE ME. KISSINGER WAS TRYING TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR A NEW INTERIM AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL FOR FURTHER ISRAELI TROOP WITHDRAWALS IN THE SINAI DESERT.

"ALMOST FROZEN OUT OF THE MIDEAST NEGOTIATIONS FROM THE START, GROMYKO PRECEDED KISSINGER THIS TIME, SELLING A RIVAL POLICY --AN IMMEDIATE RETURN TO THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE WHERE ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING RUSSIA, ARE REPRESENTED.

"BEFORE RETURNING TO GENEVA, KISSINGER WANTS AT LEAST ONE MORE SUCCESS FOR HIS STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WILL PROMOTE A BETTER ATMOSPHERE.

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